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1 March 1955

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 1 March 1955

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
*Presiding

Acting Deputy Director (Intelligence)
Huntington D. Sheldon
*Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General John M. Willems, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-2, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral H. C. Daniel, acting for Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Colonel Robert Totten, acting for Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission
Representative to the IAC
Mr. Ralph R. Roach, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Otto E. Guthe, Central Intelligence Agency
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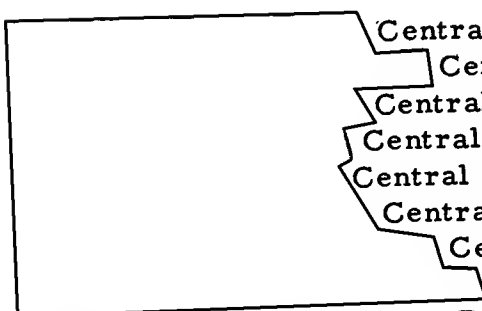
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Mr. Howard E. Furnas, Department of State
Mr. Richard K. Stuart, Department of State
Mr. Mose Harvey, Department of State
Mr. John C. Guthrie, Department of State
Lieutenant Colonel James G. Martin, Department of the Army
Lieutenant Colonel Donald L. Husman, Department of the Army
Mr. Y. J. Skalnik, Department of the Army
Captain B. E. Wiggin, Department of the Navy
Colonel P. D. Wynne, Jr., United States Air Force
Major Van A. Woods, Jr., United States Air Force
Mr. John A. Power, United States Air Force
Colonel Frank B. James, USAF, The Joint Staff
Lieutenant Colonel James M. Norwood, USAF, The Joint Staff
Captain Poyntell C. Stayley, USN, The Joint Staff
Mr. Charles H. Reichardt, Atomic Energy Commission

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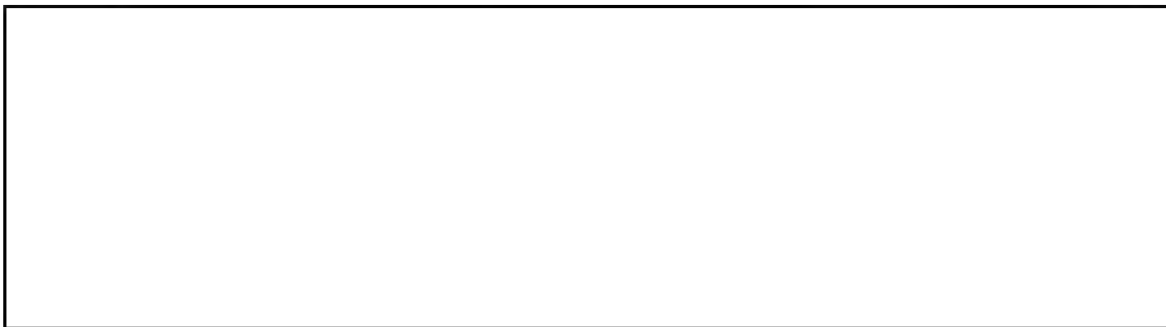
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1. Approval of Minutes
23 February 1955 Meeting
(IAC-M-185)

Approved as written with the exception of item 3 "24-Hour Watch for the Indications Center of the IAC Watch Committee" for which the State member circulated a proposed revision. Consideration of this item was deferred pending study of the proposed text by the members and the return of General Cabell, Chairman of the Watch Committee of the IAC.

2. Semi-Annual Status Report
for the NSC on the Foreign
Intelligence Program
(IAC-D-55/8, 24 February 1955)

Approved as amended.



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4. Proposal for a Survey
of NIE Use
(IAC-D-94, 15 February 1955)

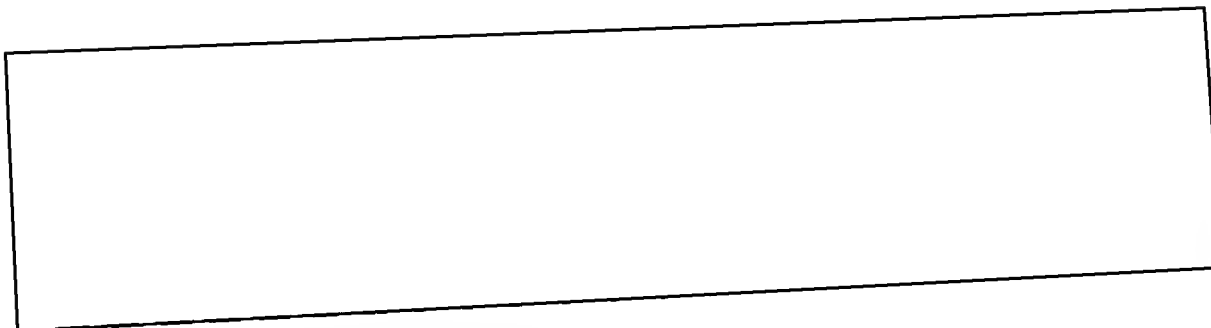
Approved. The Chairman welcomed the assistance and participation of the IAC agencies in undertaking the survey. It was agreed that the general line of inquiry and a representative list of persons to be interviewed would be prepared by the Board of National Estimates in consultation with the IAC members, and that the Board would also clear with the appropriate IAC member before making actual contacts in his area of interest. It was generally agreed that the survey would be helpful, and interest was expressed in assisting with its planning and implementation.

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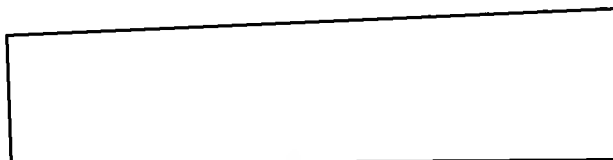
6. Probable Soviet Response
to the Ratification of the
Paris Agreements
(NIE 11-55)

Approved as amended.

7. Communist Capabilities and
Intentions with Respect to the
Offshore Islands, the Pescadores,
and Taiwan through 1955, and
Communist and Non-Communist
Reactions with Respect to the
Defense of Taiwan
(NIE 100-4-55)

Postponement of IAC consideration from 8 March to
15 March was approved.


Adjournment: 1245



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Secretary

Secretary's Note

1. No objection having been raised by a member, the Secretary
has authorized the release to USIA of SNIE 11-4-55 "Review of
Current Communist Attitudes Toward General War" 

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2. Unless objection is raised by a member at the next meeting of the IAC, the Secretary proposes to release to USIA, [redacted]

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[redacted] and NIE 11-55
"Probable Soviet Response to the Ratification of the Paris Agreements."

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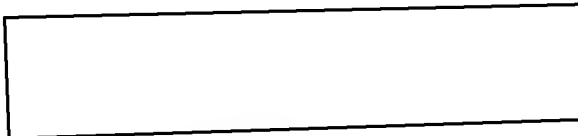
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Revision of IAC-M-185, Item 3

Please substitute the attached text for Item 3 of the minutes of the IAC meeting of 23 February 1955 (IAC-M-185). This revision was approved by the IAC on 15 March 1955 (IAC-M-187, Item 1b).



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3. 24-Hour Watch for the
Indications Center of the
IAC Watch Committee
(IAC-D-6/9, 11 February 1955)

After extended discussion, which revealed considerable differences of opinion regarding the character of and necessity for a 24-hour operation of the Indications Center by permanent staff members, agreement was reached to proceed with the recruitment of up to five additional persons for the purpose of maintaining the temporary 24-hour watch already established. In the discussion it was brought out that the apparent function of the Indications Center is not to supplant or duplicate the existing departmental watch and alert mechanisms nor to relieve the Watch Committee of its responsibility for making evaluations. The Indications Center is not itself expected to notify other than the Watch Committee members. Rather the purpose of the 24-hour operation by the Indications Center is to receive from individual agencies information bearing on indications, and to expedite the collation of this information for use by Watch Committee members whenever required by day or night.

Those participating agencies which find it feasible to make personnel available for this purpose will do so. A final decision on the proposed 24-hour watch was postponed.

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